

**Post Scrutiny – Cabinet Response**

**In Respect of:** Scrutiny Review of Public Right of Way

**Date:** 17 June 2014 (Update for O&S 9 February 2016)

<b>RECOMMENDATION</b>	<b>ACCEPTED/REJECTED</b>	<b>CABINET RESPONSE</b>	<b>HAS THE ACTION BEEN FULLY IMPLEMENTED?</b> (If No, please state reasons/ report any progress to date in next column)	<b>PROGRESS</b> (Please indicate (1) the steps you have taken, (2) what remains to be done and (3) the anticipated date of full implementation)
1. That the Council include on their website links to Lancashire County Council Mario Maps, which are easy to use and include lots of information about Public Rights of Way.	Accepted	Cabinet accept this recommendation and it was noted that some work had already taken place, such as the use of MARIO maps on the Council's website.	Yes- placed in the "Maps" section of the website but difficult to find	Raised issue with Katie Gee
2. That, due to the results of the survey and the level of concern highlighted about dog mess on public rights of way, the Council should consider the reinstatement of the Dog Warden to alleviate the issue.	For further discussion	At the Cabinet meeting in March 2014, the Leader of the Council noted that issues surrounding the Dog Warden would need to be reviewed, given the current economic position.	No	Because of the budget situation it is not envisaged this situation will change
3. That more emphasis is placed on encouraging walkers, runners, cyclists, horseriders into Rossendale to bring in additional revenue ie spend on food and drink, taking into consideration the plans for the new Rawtenstall Town Centre development.	Already being addressed	This is being carried forward by the Promoting Rossendale Board which has identified specific actions in relation to this. The RTB partnership is also ensuring that the Rawtenstall plans, including those linking the railway to the town centre, take full account of potential of this market.	The "Rochdale Way" and "Rolling Boar" Trail have been waymarked; a new Tourism Guide produced and the Rossendale website updated	Walking and Bridleway leaflets will be produced but no definite date as yet

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4. Lancashire County Council and Rossendale Borough Council should consider working with other partners to produce and publicise up to date information both in written and digital form on Public Rights of Way. This would particularly relate to long distance routes such as Pennine Bridleway, Rossendale Way, the Irwell Sculpture Trail and National cycle routes.	<p>Already being addressed</p> <p>Review progress of their website</p>	<p>This is in progress through the Promoting Rossendale Board and partner organisations such as the Pennine Mountain Bike Association (PMBA) and Profitts.</p> <p>At a county level marketing Lancashire are progressing a 'Lancashire Cycling' website as a central resource for such information.</p>	<p>LCC are not intending producing any written material due to budget constraints.</p> <p>The "Marketing Lancashire" website contains information on cycle routes but is relatively limited.</p>	<p>Katie Gee to liaise with "Marketing Lancashire" to see that information is up to date</p>
5. That LCC should work in partnership with Rossendale Borough Council to look at establishing a 'Statement of Interest' from people in the community, involving schools, scout groups and colleges to undertake surveying of local paths.	<p>Now being addressed</p>	<p>Volunteer groups are actively engaged in surveying paths. As an example PMBA has provided mapping to allow the production of nine cross country cycling route maps.</p>	<p>LCC are not able to resource volunteer supervision though it is recognised that some work is undertaken.</p>	<p>No plans to address this unless resource situation improves.</p>

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6. The Planning Department consult with statutory consultees such as LCC/Ramblers and Peak and Northern Footpaths Society on future developments affecting PROW as well as issuing statutory notices. They should also consider extending this on a voluntary basis to other relevant groups where PROW are affected by future developments.	Needs to be reviewed to ensure this is happening	<p>At the Cabinet meeting in March 2014, it was noted that it was the responsibility of a developer to identify public rights of way with regard to planning applications</p> <p>Rossendale Cycle Forum has a delegated volunteer who looks at all planning applications and comments of cycle related issues.</p>	LCC and the Ramblers are consulted on applications that impact on public footpaths; the Cycling Forum vice chair on cycling issues. Comments received are fully considered but with cycling in particular concerns have been expressed that comments made are not always implemented for valid planning reasons	No further changes planned.
7. Developers should be made aware that developments affecting the setting of a PROW will require public advertisement and stop orders/diversion orders as appropriate.	Needs to be reviewed to ensure this is happening	Current practice is to advertise all planning applications where the proposal affects a public footpath. Developers are also informed that they would need to apply separately to LCC if any Diversion Orders are required.	Developers are informed of the need to advertise the application for the public. In cases where this is not done either a condition or informative note is placed on the planning approval stating addressing footpath issues must be addressed.	No change planned